

SPECIAL SERVICES

Held Last Evening in First Presbyterian Church.

THE MUSIC WAS A FEATURE

Of the Services, both Morning and Evening—Dr. Cunningham Preached an Interesting Sermon—At Fourth Street Special Services Attracted Large Congregation—The Choir, Under Mr. Bullard, Gave a Pleading Programme.

A large congregation assembled in the First Presbyterian church last night and listened to an excellent sermon by the pastor, Rev. Dr. D. A. Cunningham, and enjoyed a special musical programme rendered by the choir. The altar was tastefully decorated with pines, appropriate to the occasion, and the services were attractive. The choir was made up of Mrs. Flora A. Williams, Mrs. Peaches Tatum, Messrs. Will B. Day and H. W. Hughes. Mr. Joseph L. Rhee presided at the organ. The programme of the exercises was as follows:

Organ voluntary, Guitman Carol.
Scripture reading.
Hymn No. 23.
Prayer.
Anthem, "Hark, What Means Those Holy Voices?" C. A. Havens.
Hymn No. 34.
Notice.
Offertory anthem, "Sing, O Heavens," R. Tours.
Sermon.
Prayer.
Anthem, "Angels From the Realms of Glory," George William Warren.
Hymn No. 224.
Benediction.
Carol.

For his sermon Dr. Cunningham took his text from Luke, second chapter, and fourth verse: "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward men." He brought out many lessons appropriate to the time. He spoke of the glories of God and the many blessings He has wrought to men on this earth, and said that while we are studying and enjoying the Bible, we know not how many others are learning of the glories of God in other worlds and on other spheres through His word.

The musical part of the services was fine and as will be seen by the above programme, was above anything attempted for some time. The morning services at the same church were also very and special music was rendered by the choir in the presence of a large congregation.

AT FOURTH STREET.

Rev. Dr. Soy Preaches a Sermon on "A Gigantic Swindle."

The Christmas services at Fourth Street M. E. church were not held yesterday, but large congregations filled the beautiful edifice, both morning and evening. Rev. Dr. Soy preached a sermon of special interest at this holiday season.

The text last night was taken from Mark, eighth chapter, thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh verses. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

The minister took for his subject, "A Gigantic Swindle," and used his text to illustrate how men will sell their souls for mere personal gain in this world. He showed how the tempter comes and lures the victim to heaven and glory hereafter, for merely a few empty honors, or perhaps riches in this world.

When it comes to the last, and he is about to give up life and riches, he then, and then only, realizes how great a swindle he has been working upon him.

The choir, under the direction of Prof. Edgar Bullard, rendered a very attractive programme of music at both services.

Dr. Soy will preach next Sunday morning on "The Glory of God" and the evening will be devoted to a special song service, for which the choir is making preparation.

Beginning the first Sunday of the New Year, Dr. Soy will preach a series of special sermons, taking up subjects of a local bearing at every evening service.

Christmas Offerings.

A special Christmas offering service will be held at the Fourth Street M. E. church next Wednesday evening, which promises to be very attractive. The choir and the Sunday school scholars are rehearsing a programme, which is sure to be appreciated by a large crowd. Offerings will be accepted for the poor. Of course the scholars will be treated to refreshments in the way of ice cream and cake. The musical portion of the programme will be as follows:

"Glory to God in the Highest."
"Joy Belongs."
Prayer.
"Lift up the Voice."
"The Angels Song."
"Starry Sky, Lovely Night."
"The Christmas Carol."
"The Children's Christmas."
"A Christmas Song."
"Out in the Darkness."
"Glory in the Highest."

A BOLD ROBBERY

At the Home of Louis H. Hener, on the Island, Saturday Night.

On Saturday night robbers broke into the home of Mr. Louis H. Hener, on the Island, and stole a quantity of silver and cut glass ware. The theft occurred while Mr. Hener was over in town early in the evening and while nobody was in the house. The robbers effected an entrance through the cellar and helped themselves to everything in sight.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hener went home, shortly before midnight, they were surprised to find everything in the house scattered about and it did not take long to discover that everything of any value that could be carried off was gone. Their many wedding presents were taken. From the amount of goods stolen it is believed the robbers had a wagon or cart with which to carry off the booty.

The police were immediately notified, and a search was made all over the island and elsewhere. Intelligence authorities were also notified, but up to midnight no clue had been discovered.

They Want Peace.

DANVILLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Rev. Dr. McAttee, pastor of the Grove Presbyterian church, this city, in a stirring address to his congregation this morning, made an earnest appeal for peace and non-interference in Cuban affairs at present. At an informal meeting of the congregation, held at the close of the services, a resolution was adopted, unanimously endorsing the pastor's views and calling upon Congress, and especially upon Pennsylvania's senators and representatives, to abstain from any action tending to embroil us in hostilities with Spain.

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LOCAL BREVITIES

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

At the Grand Inquest—"The Real Widow Brown."

The committee on petitions and remonstrances is called to meet to-night at 7:30.

John Thomas Schefflin was taken in by Office McGinnis, for disorderly, last night.

Mrs. Julia Belleville, wife of John W. Belleville, of No. 2312 Wood street, died Saturday, in the fifty-fourth year of her age.

The Elkins Club, newly incorporated, meets this evening in the city building. The Tariff Champions, too, will meet to-night at the same place.

The R. L. Frazier nominated for second branch of council from the First ward on the Democratic ticket is R. L. Frazier, of No. 171 National road.

Invitations have been issued for the grand Christmas celebration to be given by Black Prince Lodge, No. 19, Knights of Pythias, at Pythian Castle, on Christmas afternoon and evening.

The German Insurance Company has issued a very handsome calendar for 1897. Like all the calendars issued by the German, the Germans are large and plain. It will no doubt be in demand among business people.

Saturday evening the city council committee on claims met and passed on the claim of Rose Myers against the city. The offer of Mrs. Myers to settle for \$500 was accepted by the committee and is to be recommended to council for adoption.

The indications are that the Assembly holiday will be the most successful affair of its kind ever given in the city. The subscription list, in charge of Messrs. Hart and Meierman, is about completed and only those who have subscribed in advance will be admitted. A feature of the affair will be beautiful decorations, appropriate to the holiday season. The Opera House orchestra will furnish the music.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Mr. Alphonso Snyder, of Brainerd, Minnesota, who was called to Wheeling on a sad mission, his father's death, some weeks ago, returns to his home today. Mr. Snyder is one of the old Wheeling boys who have been successful in the far northwest. He says that the subscription list that keeps him from being homesick is the familiar sight of "Andy" Halstead, the old city editor of the Intelligencer, who has been located there for a long time. Mr. Snyder says that Mr. Halstead's old Wheeling friends would not recognize him now, as he has become as portly as a New York fireman. As Brainerd is one hundred and sixty miles from Minneapolis, which city has quite a few Wheeling boys, the people who have left "old Wheeling" are not so far away from familiar faces, but what they can take a train and feel "almost" at home. Still, Mr. Snyder says, they all have the warmest feeling for Wheeling. Not so much the city, but its people. That's what they all say.

Mr. George Sterling is lying seriously ill with typhoid fever, at the residence of his parents on Eleventh street.

The friends of Mr. William Myles, the photographer, will be concerned to learn that he is lying seriously ill at his home on South Main street.

Mrs. Anselma and daughter, of Philadelphia, left for their home yesterday, after a pleasant visit with relatives in this city. Mr. Philip Sedore Anshutz, editor of the Register, accompanied his mother and sister home, where he will enjoy the holidays.

Mr. Henry W. Hughes, cashier of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, and one of the most prominent local vocalists, leaves today for Washington, D. C., to spend the Christmas holidays with his father, Admiral Hughes, United States navy.

Mr. John L. Vance, Jr., of Gallipolis, Ohio, the National bank examiner for West Virginia and part of Indiana, was in Wheeling yesterday and Saturday. While here he examined the National Bank of West Virginia. Speaking of National banks, Mr. Vance said: "You only have one here, but it's a good one."

Wheeling boys attending school away from home are returning for the holidays. Among those who have already arrived are: Jesse Spindel, George H. Wise, Louis D. Grubb, Morgan Holakell, Eugene Hildebrand, Will Vance and Harvey Pollock, from Lawrenceville, New Jersey; Andrew K. Dinkel, from Princeton; Andrew Holakell, from Yale; Miss Alice Brade, from Baltimore; and Miss Virginia Moffat, from Bryn Mawr, are also here for the holidays.

COLORS FOR THE "WHEELING"

It is Proper to Present Colors—The President Established.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—In a communication to you some two weeks since, the writer suggested that the citizens present a stand of colors to the custom "Wheeling," lately contracted for by the navy department, in addition to the table service proposed. A communication signed "Seventh Ward," in the Register, attempted to ridicule the idea on the ground that a stand of colors embraced all the flags in the lockers of the vessel, such as all the United States flags, officers' flags, signal flags and the flags of all nations. For his information and to show our people that what is proposed will not greatly burden us, I ask you to copy the account of the presentation of the New York World, of Friday last, showing that the fishing town of Massachusetts knows what a stand of colors comprises and were not afraid of the number.

The cruiser Marblehead, now lying in the navy yard, was presented with a stand of colors, by the citizens of Marblehead, yesterday afternoon. A committee of city selectmen, with their wives, and headed by Henry C. Sparhawk, was received aboard the cruiser by Commander Jewell.

The ceremonies took place at 2:30 o'clock on the gun deck. The band consisted of a large ensign, Jack and pennant, and a silk ensign and four gold-colored ensigns on hand-some oak staffs. They were presented by Lieutenant H. C. Sparhawk. Commander Jewell accepted the gift on behalf of the secretary of the navy. He also read a message of thanks from Secretary Herbert.

Then while the band played the national airs, the new colors were taken to the fore and the national salute was fired by the battleship Texas. A collection followed in the officers' quarters.

FIRST WARD.

The snow fell rather lightly early this morning and unless there is a thaw right on top of it, the ground will have a covering of the "white" this morning, for the first time this season.

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To Curtail Their Field Operations Until There is an Improvement—The Fisher Company Gets a Good Pay in the New Territory—It May Improve in Production when Drilled Deeper—Other Operations in the Southwest.

The principal thing of interest in the oil field during the week just past, was the decline in the price of oil which went down six cents. At the close of business the week before, oil was bringing a little over a dollar a barrel, but now it is only worth ninety-five cents. As has been stated in these columns before, this decline of the price of the commodity is having a very bad effect on the new work in all the fields and a large amount of the new work contemplated will be curtailed, and the operators will only drill such of their territory as is absolutely necessary. It is known that one of the large companies operating in the lower southwest has decided not to drill at least half a dozen wells and there are others who will take the same course.

The latest news of importance from the field is that the Fisher oil Company has drilled in No. 1 on the Dan River farm in the Louisiana territory, and that the well started off at twenty barrels an hour. This well was drilled in on Saturday and yesterday it was still holding up and was expected to make even a better well after it had been drilled deeper in the hole. It is located near the big well recently drilled in on the McFarland forty-acre farm by the Liberty oil Company.

The same company's No. 2 on the same farm, which was drilled twenty feet in the sand on Friday and was only showing up for a very small producer, has reached the second pay in the big iron and it is reported now that it will make a good producer. When heard from it was working at the rate of about one hundred barrels a day.

Brite & Company have completed the rig and are getting ready to commence spudding in a couple of days at their new location on the Fisher farm on Middle Island Creek in the shallow territory.

The Fisher oil Company's well on the Scott farm has not been heard from for a couple of days, although it has been said it should have been in the sand on Friday, but on account of a breakdown it has been delayed. If the well has come in it has not been reported and nothing can be learned from it. It is an important well and is being watched very closely.

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A LOCAL ARTIST

Gets a "Send-Off" in a Recent Issue of the Boston Globe.

The Boston Globe, in a recent issue, paid a compliment to Mr. Morgan J. Rhee, of this city, by printing a double column cut, illustrating a painting from his brush, and presented to a friend in the New England city. The subject is a fellow artist, who was on a summer vacation with Mr. Rhee, dressed in the brilliant costume. The Globe says: "Mr. Rhee is one of those happy artists who get good prices for their work and have a reasonable number of orders. He confines himself entirely to portraits and it is said the price of some of them can be set down in four figures. Be that as it may, he says nothing about it, paints seriously two months in the year, and the other two months he devotes to young nature and indulging his artistic tastes on the coast of Maine."

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Was Well Known Here.

Word was received in this city on Saturday of the death of Mr. C. P. Sydenstricker, of Lewisburg, Greenbrier county. Mr. Sydenstricker was a most prominent man in his county, as well as in the state. He was president of the West Virginia State Board of Pharmacy, and presided at the meeting of the board in this city. He delivered a lengthy and very interesting address to the Wheeling druggists' association at the park. His death was caused by blood poisoning. The president of the Wheeling Druggists' Association, Christian Schmidt, has called an extra meeting of that body for this afternoon at the city building to take suitable action regarding the death of Mr. Sydenstricker. He was a member of the pharmaceutical board of the state for eight or nine years.

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